

**CONCURRING STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN**

Re: *Shaw Communications, Inc., Application for a New FM Translator Station, Berlin, New Hampshire, File No. BNPFT020030825AML*

It has been more than 15 years since the Commission has had a proceeding to review, thoroughly and comprehensively, and, if necessary, to update our policies regarding translators. While we have had numerous proceedings to address specific concerns, these piecemeal changes are no substitute for a broad review to examine whether our existing translator rules and regulations continue to advance the objectives of the Communications Act, specifically localism, competition and diversity, in light of the changed media landscape.

Broadly speaking, some of the specific questions this proceeding could examine include: whether our rules and policies for licensee-owned translator stations and independently-owned stations should be the same; whether independently-owned translators should be allowed to import distant signals to compete with local broadcasters; should there be a local origination requirement on independently-owned translator stations; or whether there should be a limit on the number of translators a single entity can own, nationally and locally. They are many, many more questions worthy of discussion.

I encourage my colleagues to launch such a proceeding in the near future.